

THE DOMINION HOUSE.

SEVENTH PARLIAMENT—FOURTH SESSION AT OTTAWA.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were read a first time:

- Respecting the St. Lawrence Insurance Company—Mr. White (Cardwell).
- To incorporate the French River Boom Company—Mr. Oakesworth.
- To incorporate the Alberta Southern Railway Company—Mr. Davis.

The House again went into Committee of Ways and Means.

STEARINE.

Mr. Foster said the duty on stearine was 20 per cent. on the old tariff. It had been changed to 25 per cent., under the impression that it was not manufactured in this country. There was, however, a manufacturer of stearine in the city of Montreal, in which capital was invested, and which had been in operation for some little time. He believed the factory was a branch of a New York firm. He proposed now, under these circumstances, to make the duty 25 per cent.

CANNED VEGETABLES.

Mr. Foster said that the duty of 1-1-4 cent per pound on tomatoes and other vegetables, including corn and baked beans, was a drop from 2-1-2 in the old tariff. This was thought to be too sweeping a reduction. He proposed the duty should be 1-1-2 cent per pound.

THE ITEM PASSED AS AMENDED.

Mr. Foster moved to change the duty on earthenware and stoneware, viz., demijohns or jugs, crocks or crocks, to 30 per cent. This would restore the duty to what it was under the old tariff. The proposed duty of 20 would have destroyed the industry.

THE ITEM PASSED AS AMENDED.

The following items were amended to read as follows—Plaster of Paris, calcined or manufactured 40c per barrel. Slate pencils, 25 per cent.; slate, roofing-slates, when split or dressed only, also school or writing slates, 20 per cent.

COAL OIL.

Mr. Davies objected to the duty of 7-1-5 cents on coal oil. He contended that this was a special tax upon the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Foster said some relief had been given this year by the reduction of the duty on the barrels. The Government proposed to give a still further relief by reducing the duty to six cents per imperial gallon.

THE ITEM PASSED AS AMENDED.

Mr. Foster moved that the item of crude petroleum, etc., 3-2-5 cents per gallon, be amended to read—Crude petroleum fuel and gas oil, other than rapeseed, benzene, or gasoline, when imported by manufacturers, other than oil refiners, for use in their own factories for fuel purposes, also manufacture of gas, 3 cents per gallon.

THE ITEM PASSED AS AMENDED.

Mr. Davies introduced a bill to repeal the Homestead Exemption Act in the Territories, which gives the Territorial Assembly full power to deal with homestead exemptions. The provisions of the Homestead Exemption Act conflicted with the provisions of the Real Property Act, Chap. 25 of the Statutes of 1888 provided for exemptions up to \$1,000, but the courts had held that this was not within the jurisdiction of the Territorial Assembly, and it was desired to retain this power. The bill is to accomplish this end.

THE BILL WAS READ A FIRST TIME.

Mr. Haggart, replying to Mr. Bowser, gave the following freight rates on the International and connecting roads—For grain, by carload, per ton, to St. John, N. B., from Montreal, \$3.00; for export, \$4.00; to St. John, N. B., from Toronto, \$4.30; for export, \$4.50; to Halifax from Montreal, \$3.60; for export, \$4.10; to Halifax from Toronto, \$4.30; for export, \$4.50; to coal, per gross ton, from Sydney to Montreal, \$2.50; from New Glasgow to Montreal, \$2.80; from Springfield to Montreal, \$2.40.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Mr. Charlton, in moving the second reading of the Act to secure a better observance of the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, hoped the subject would be approached free from party or personal influences. He asked that the measure be considered simply upon its merits. On some occasions the promoter had been called a crank, a fanatic, a Puritan, and a self-righteous man. He disclaimed any pretensions save that he desired to promote the welfare of the community.

THE BILL WAS READ A SECOND TIME.

Mr. Wells moved the second reading of a bill to disfranchise voters who have taken bribes.

BILL IN NORTH-WEST.

Mr. Martin moved the second reading of a bill to extend the ballot to the Northwest Territories.

THE BILL WAS READ A SECOND TIME.

Mr. Edgar moved the second reading of a bill to reduce from twelve to seven the number of grand jurors necessary to find a true bill in the Province of Ontario.

THE BILL WAS READ A SECOND TIME.

Mr. Foster said the Government had to consider first how to keep the protection and encouragement which was necessary for the iron industry as a whole; secondly how to reduce the market of iron material; and thirdly, how to induce the further working up of a pig iron from the ore produced bars, and bar iron. It was proposed to encourage the latter step by increasing the duty on scrap iron, making the transition as easy as possible by raising the duty by \$1 per ton to the end of the present year, and thereafter having a uniform duty of \$4 per ton. This, it was hoped, would induce manufacturers to make a better quality of iron, which would be a great deal in this country, and which should not be allowed to go to waste.

Mr. Lacombe said he would like the Finance Minister to tell the House about the remission of duty on scrap iron. How could the Government defend the policy of increasing the duty on scrap iron and reducing it on agricultural implements from 25 to 20 per cent.?

Mr. Foster said his hon. friend must certainly be mistaken. The implement men used no scrap. They used pig iron, and there was no increase on pig iron. There was, also, bar iron, on which there was a reduction of \$3 per ton. On nothing which entered into the manufacture of agricultural implements was the duty increased. The raising of the duty on scrap could not be used as a hardship in this respect.

THE ITEM WAS CARRIED.

Mr. Foster moved to change ferro-manganese from 10 to 5 per cent. ad valorem. The item was carried.

NAIL RODS.

Mr. Foster moved that Swedish rolled iron rods, not more than one-half inch diameter, for the manufacture of horse nails, be included in the item of Swedish rolled iron rods under 1/2 inch in diameter, and of not less than 1/4 of a cent per pound value, 15 per cent. ad valorem.

THE ITEM WAS CARRIED.

Mr. Charlton thought barbed wire should be placed on the free list.

WHAT UNCLE SAM IS AT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BUSY YANKEE.

Neighboring Interest in His Doings—Matters of Moment and Mirth Gathered From His Daily Record.

The industrial revival in Alabama continues. Over 90 per cent. of Tennessee labor in native born.

Natives of the Adirondack region name all visitors "sports."

There are 3,000,000 bachelors in the United States over 30.

Organization of labor has raised wages \$500,000 a year in Boston.

A man in Detroit was fined \$5 for cutting a tree on one of the boulevards.

A Bangor man has invented an adjustable broom for the easy sweeping of corners.

The New York Central east bound freight track will be laid with 80 pound steel rails this year.

The name of the man who lights the statue of liberty in Washington nightly is Mr. Amory.

Mrs. Culbertson, the librarian of the New Orleans State Library, has held the position for eighteen years.

Burt Peterson, Canton, Pa., in a fit of jealousy, seriously wounded his sweetheart and committed suicide.

Georgia's superior criminal court has discontinued the kissing of the Bible in the administration of oaths.

A general shut-out of silver mines is feared in Colorado, owing to the continued decline in the market price.

Chicago pickpockets took \$500 in cash and \$25,000 in securities from a Wabash avenue car passenger the other day.

In New York tenements the crowding of from seven to twelve persons in two small rooms is a common occurrence.

A rattlesnake killed by James Graham of Columbus, Ind., measured nine feet in length, and had thirty-nine rattles.

Next to the Bible, Moody and Sankey's hymns have had a larger circulation than any other work in twenty-five years.

A number of independent oil companies of Pennsylvania have combined for the purpose of fighting the Standard Oil Company.

The average weight of twenty thousand men and women weighed at Boston, was men 141 pounds, women 124 pounds.

Twenty-three Pittsburgh firms manufacture flint and lime glass. The annual production exceeds 24,000,000 pieces of tableware alone.

As there were just thirteen marriages in Henninger, N. H., last year, the brides are all the objects of superstitious solicitude.

The oldest newspaper in America is the Newport (R.I.) Mercury. It was established by Benjamin Franklin in the year 1758.

Cardinal Gibbons has sent his portrait of ex-President Harrison and President Cleveland to the Pope at the latter's special request.

Out of forty-two cities in America, with population ranging from 200,000 to 600,000, all but one are using the electric light system.

Dupont's power mills, in Wilmington, Del., are furnished with hinged roofs, so that in case of an explosion the damage will be minimized.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the standard oil magnate, teaches a class of young men, of which her son, John D., Jr., is a member.

Loring says that during 33 years in one western State the number of mortgages executed was 200,000, and their nominal value \$180,000,000.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, has literary gifts. She is a niece of Emily Huntington Miller, at one time the well-known editor of several juvenile publications.

Only four men in the world understand how to operate the geometric lathe, with which the Government's paper machine is so delicately engraved in diamond point.

The killing of any bison, buffalo, quail or Chinese pheasant is forbidden by law in Montana for ten years, and the killing of any moose, elk, otter or beaver for six.

Electricity is to be the motive power on the system of elevated roads to be built in Chicago; it will be the most complete system in the world and will cost \$15,000,000.

Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is the owner of real estate in Cleveland valued at about \$85,000.

A burning mountain is visible near Concord, Ky. It is supposed to be fed with oil that oozes from a crevice in the mountain.

Charles Barney, 31 years old, of South Camden, was badly burned by some boys who tied him to a stake and set fire to his clothing while playing Indians.

Andrew Carnegie will have to give Pittsburgh \$125,170.72 to make good his promise to duplicate every dollar raised from other sources during January and February.

Commissioners appointed to investigate the Norwegian and Swedish liquor system, and to report on the plan is a good one and ought to be introduced in Massachusetts.

Washington has salmon fisheries worth \$1,500,000 a year, and catches 10,000 fish. It exports 100,000 pounds of lump and coal and raises 150,000 bushels of wheat.

A bill has been introduced at Albany, limiting telephone charges to \$75 per annum in cities of over 1,000,000 population, and grading down to \$25, according to the size of the city.

By the will of Mrs. Kate Johnson, of San Francisco, widow of R. C. Johnson, a city, under direction of the Catholic church, gets nearly \$1,000,000 for a free hospital.

The cave animals of North America, according to Prof. A. S. Packard, of Brown University, comprise 172 species of blind creatures, nearly all of which are mostly white in color.

By a remarkable piece of engineering nearly 1,500 acres of salt meadows at Bridgeport, Conn., have been ditched, diked against the tide, and are rapidly being got into upland grass.

A Watertown, N.Y., rag picker while at work found two rings. A jeweller valued one, a cluster of fifteen diamonds, at \$150 and the other contained one diamond, a sapphire and a turquoise.

A coat, with a leather strap around its neck, which was lost by a young woman at Chester, W. Va., about fifteen years ago, was found the other day a hunter in the woods near Chester.

Mrs. Samuels, mother of the James boys, makes a very amusing story of her son's visit to 25 cents apiece to see the grave of Jesse James, which is in the yard of her house in Clay County, Mo.

In a railway station in Iowa is the following placard over the clock—This is a clock; it is running; it is Chicago time; it is right; it is set every day at 10 o'clock. Now, keep your mouth shut.

Miss May Fuller, of Tacoma, has succeeded in climbing Mount Tacoma, Wash. It is the first time a woman ever accomplished a feat which but few men have dared. The mountain is 14,444 feet high.

QUAINT OLD NEWSMEN.

They Blew Horns and Wore Signs on Their Ragged-Loaf Hats.

In the days when the present century was in swaddling clothes no ragged and dirty-faced urchins dogged the steps of fashion pedestrians howling, "Ere's yer betty!" all about the terrible and fearful news from Hamerica."

Persons of more mature years, though doubtless of less experience than the present disseminators of daily literature, were intrusted with the sale of the organs announcing to the public the happenings of all climes.

Each man armed himself with a copper horn nearly two feet long, and at intervals of thirty seconds blew stentorian blasts upon it. Then, for the most part, he would retire to his home, where he would read the paper he was selling and the edition thereof.

So the "newspaper" of our English granddads was prepared to do business with all classes of society. They had no use for his wares. The costumes of these individuals were almost as peculiar as their methods of doing business.

The hat on which the placard was fastened was of an oblong sugar-loaf pattern, the top being, generally, in the form of a dome, and always of a bottle-green; skin-tight knee breeches were just as certain to be a bright yellow as were the buckles to be about as white as it is possible for anything to be in London.

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Indeed, from counter to "newspaper" was a small scale of the downward scale of the present class circles. With the advent of the lower class of newspaper enterprise these old and interesting characters disappeared.

Their places have been taken by gamins every bit as sharp and every whit as bright as their Canadian cousins.

Homemade Ice Chest.

The convenience of a refrigerator or ice chest is so apparent to need mention, but many who would like to have one are deterred by the expense of the same.

The advantage of this preserving and making palatable the food that comes to the tables in the hot weather are deterred by the expense of the factory-made article.

A very satisfactory substitute can be made at home by procuring a large dry goods box and fitting a smaller box inside it directly upon the bottom, but with a space four or five inches all around it, which is to be filled with sawdust or other similar material.

The inner box must be made of a material which will not conduct heat, such as wood, or better still, a box covered with a non-conducting space above it.

The inner box as well as around it. On the bottom of this cover let inch strips be nailed along the sides and ends so that they may fit closely around the upper edge of the inner box.

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A SOCIETY'S NOBLE WORK.

HOW THE ANCIENT ORDER OF FOSTERS SAVED A BROTHER.

The Starting Experience of Mr. Briggs, of London, a sufferer for Four Years, His Lodging Came to the Rescue After Doctors Had Failed—He is Again Able to be Out.

From the London Free Press.

The home of Mr. Isaac Briggs, at 501 Charlotte St., this city, is one of the most prettily situated and well kept of the many homes of the workingmen of London.

The front is carefully landscaped, and the side and rear of the cottage home is a lattice work covered with vines, and there is a garden. Within view are fields and woods, and if there was nothing needed upon the occasion of an autumn afternoon visit to make the lot of a sick man as pleasant as possible.

And so it was not to be wondered at that Mr. Briggs, who is in a cheerful mood, had no use for his wares. The costumes of these individuals were almost as peculiar as their methods of doing business.

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CHAPTER XL

"I cannot think it will hurt my father
move sooner," she said coldly; "except
for his lameness he seems fairly well: I
imagine that the doctor objects to his
walking about business because he fears the
effect on his brain. I fancy a change of
surroundings would be good for him just
now."

Gifford smiled; and, as if a new idea had
just come to him, he said warmly: "Will



LIGHTING AND BUOY SERVICE.
The number of light stations, light ships and fog alarms in the Dominion on the 30th of June last is said to have been 649, and of lights shown 749, and of steam whistles and fog horns 58, the whole attended to by 624 men. Since the 31st December, 1865 the number of light stations, ships, fog

on his back once, and out once, every day, and on making his appearance at the door if his appeal for charity be not at once attended to he may shout, sing, ring a bell, or make any other noise he pleases until he has received one "cash," the smallest copper coin in use, after which he must move on. Some merchants, to save time and trouble, have a frame hung in front of their houses with as many nails driven into it as there are beggars in the district. Every morning a servant hangs a "cash" on each nail, and each beggar comes in turn, takes one coin, and moves on.

As in Law.

If a man were to give to another an orange he would merely say: "I give you this orange;" but when the transaction is intrusted to the hands of a lawyer to put it in writing, he adopts this form: "I hereby give, grant and convey to you and singular my estate and interest, right, title, claim and advantage of and in the said orange, together with all its rind and pulp, seeds and kernels, together with all appurtenances, with full power to bite, cut, suck and otherwise eat the same, or give the same away, as fully and effectually as if the said A.B. am now entitled to bite, cut, suck or otherwise eat the same orange, or give the same away, as fully and effectually as if the said A.B. am now entitled to bite, cut, and skin, juice, pulp and pips, anything hereinbefore or hereinafter, or in any other deed or deeds, instrument or instruments of what nature or kind soever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

THE BABY CARRIAGE IN LONDON.

Returning to Palestine.

Bishop Blyth, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, asserts in his annual report that "about 100,000 Jews have entered Palestine during the last few years of whom 65,000 have come within the last seven years and the arrival of a vast host is imminent." No one can, he says, possibly forecast the extent of Jewish immigration to Palestine within the next seven years.

The Roman father had unlimited power over his children, and could put them in chains, sell them into slavery or kill them at will.

Repaired the Spaniel's Spine.

Narrow London Streets.
A proposed law that any new building

The Mannheim tailor, Dowe, gave an exhibition of his bullet-proof coat recently before the Surgeons, Congress, now in session in Berlin. The bullets fired at a twenty-five foot range failed to penetrate the coat or even startle Dowe, who was inside of it. When the test was over Dowe was applauded heartily.

Australian Gold.

Emblems of Woman's Servitude

The Japanese method of lacquering said to be at least 2,000 years old. Pieces made ten centuries ago are still exhibited.

